

**CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, AND ROLL CALL**

Mayor Hunter T. George called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmembers David M. Viafore, Shannon Reynolds, Brett Wittner, Denny Waltier, Blake Surina, and Jamie Nixon.

**PRESIDING OFFICER’S REPORT**

**A. Community Center and Pool Project**

Parks and Recreation Director Grover briefed the Council on the March 6, 2019 public meeting, and ARC Architect Wheeler provided a presentation on the pool and community center project. The presentation included the pool and community center assessment, project overview, building and site design, financial update, and next steps. There was a brief discussion, which included signage, naming, fencing, flooring, gymnasium height, photovoltaic costs, and back-up generator. Viafore requested that the generator be located on-site instead of being portable stored off-site. Wheeler indicated that a discussion on finalizing bid alternates would take place during the construction document phase of the community center. After a brief discussion on benefits and challenges, there were no objections to have a back-up generator permanently located on-site and properly screened, and built into it in the project. Wheeler indicated that the design team would begin with the construction documents for the pool and put it out to bid in late May in order to get a contractor on board for summer. Waltier commented on his excitement of the project, and Viafore commented on his concern regarding the contingency and Wittner commented on the capital campaign efforts to help offset the cost. George invited public comment; there were none.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA**

George invited public comment; John Bozich, 5030 Ad El Road SE, Olympia, commented on the local sales tax distribution to cities and counties and discussed sales tax equalization.

Waltier departed at 7:43 P.M. and returned at 7:45 P.M.

Viafore departed the meeting at 7:45 P.M. and his absence was excused.

**COMMITTEE, COMMISSION, AND LIAISON REPORTS**

**A. Administration**

Reynolds had no report to provide.

**B. Environment, Planning and Building**

Wittner commented on the number of passport applications the Planning and Building Department had serviced and stated his concern regarding staffing and resources. Wittner indicated the condominium project would start construction in a month.

**C. Finance, IT, Facilities**

As Viafore was absent, no report was provided.

**D. Other Liaison Reports**

George reported that the Investment Committee recently met and stated that there were two bonds that were set to expire in 2019. George reported that staff would contact the bond counsel for options. George reported that there was a discussion to move \$250,000 of the 2018 Ending Fund Balance to the Cumulative Reserve and that this would be included in the upcoming budget amendment. Finance Director Corcoran requested a consensus from Council as this transfer would be treated as a contingency for the community center and pool project cost overruns; Surina commented on his concern regarding adding additional funds to the balance of the Cumulative Reserve and requested more information. After a brief discussion on the advantage of transferring the funds into the Cumulative Reserve instead of leaving the funds in the Ending Fund Balance, Reynolds, Nixon, and Wittner requested more information about the Cumulative Reserve to be brought before Council at its next regular meeting.

George reported of a meeting he, City Manager Pingel, and Planning and Building Administrator Stahlnecker had with University Place on the future planning of Mildred corridor. George indicated that University Place Mayor Keel requested the City of Fircrest to support requesting Sound Transit to spend some of their planning funds now to identify the terminus for the light rail line on 19<sup>th</sup> Street. George indicated that the City of University Place moving towards a form-based zoning code and that the City of Fircrest should continue to stay informed.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

George requested the City Clerk read the Consent Calendar as follows: approval of Voucher No. 212661 through Voucher Check No. 212741 in the amount of \$58,790.65; approval of Payroll Check No. 13575 through Payroll Check No. 13578 in the amount of \$108,340.74; approval of Payroll Check No. 13579 through Payroll Check No. 13588 in the amount of \$7,968.94; approval of Payroll Check No. 13589 through Payroll Check No. 13595 in the amount of \$91,656.55; approval of the February 19, 2019 City Council Study Session meeting minutes; approval of the February 26, 2019 City Council Regular meeting minutes; and approval of the March 6, 2019 City Council Special meeting minutes. George called attention to the correction of the Consent Calendar as read versus as written in the agenda, stating the agenda noted the February 19, 2019 Joint Meeting instead of Study Session meeting. **Wittner MOVED to approve the Consent Calendar as read; seconded by Nixon. The Motion Carried (6-0).**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

None scheduled.

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

**NEW BUSINESS****A. Awarding High Tank Painting Project**

Public Works Director Wakefield briefed the Council on the proposed contract with Long Painting Company for the painting of both tanks at the High Tank site at a cost of \$150,370 plus applicable sales tax, stating the low bid to paint both tanks (including a mural and engineering) came in approximately \$13,000 higher than the budgeted cost of \$152,300.

Wakefield recommended the additional funds needed to complete the project come from the REET 2 Fund. Wakefield provided a background, stating that the original budget in 2017 for the painting of both tanks on the High Tank site was \$250,000 but ultimately the project was delayed and broken into two projects with each tank having budgeted \$125,000. Wakefield indicated that there was a correction to the agenda note as the \$165,257 estimate for the project included a 9.9% sales tax instead of the City of Tacoma sales tax of 10.2% due to the site being located in the City of Tacoma, thereby increasing the cost to \$165,707.74. Wakefield recommended modifying the motion to remove the dollar amount and replace with “for the bid amount and applicable sales tax”, and recommended approval as the project came in under the original budgeted amount of \$250,000. **Wittner MOVED the City Council authorize the City Manager to award the contract for the High Tank Site Painting Project to Long Painting Company for the bid amount plus the applicable sales tax, to prepare and execute the required contract documents, and to give the “Notice to Proceed” to commence construction of the project; seconded by Waltier.** George invited councilmember comment; Reynolds stated she would be voting against the motion due to the project being over budget. George noted that the original budget for the cost to paint both tanks was \$250,000. George invited public comment; Andrew Imholt, 141 Cornell Street, thanked the Council for approving the mural project. **The Motion Carried (5-1) with Reynolds casting the dissenting vote.**

**B. Engineering Services Contract with KPG for Alameda Grind and Overlay Project**

Wakefield briefed the Council on the proposed contract with KPG, P.S. to provide final design and bid call services for the Alameda Avenue Grind and Overlay Project, stating entering into a contract for engineering services as the first step in the process of utilizing the grant to improve Alameda Avenue between Regents Boulevard and 19th Street. Wakefield indicated the agreement amount would result in a not-to-exceed budget of \$37,750.00 and that this cost was included in the grant award from WSDOT. Wakefield stated there was a 13.5% match required from the City for this phase of the project and that that amount of \$5,096.25 was included in the 2019 budget. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1578, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Local Agency A&E Professional Services Negotiated Hourly Rate Agreement with KPG, P.S. for providing final design and bid call services for the Alameda Avenue Grind and Overlay Project; seconded by Surina.** Reynolds departed at 8:17 P.M. George invited councilmember comment; Surina commented on the scope of work and whether any traffic calming would be included in the scope. Wakefield indicated the geometrics of the road would not change and that this was a grind and overlay project to preserve the pavement only. George inquired to City Attorney Smith regarding procedures and the absence of Reynolds during the discussion; Smith indicated that Reynold’s absence was not excused, and since she was not present during the discussion of the action item, she could not participate in the approval of a motion. Reynolds returned at 8:20 P.M. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (5-0) with Reynolds not participating.**

**C. Combined Communications Network**

Police Chief Cheesman briefed the Council on the proposed memorandum of understanding with the Pierce County Sheriff’s Department that would allow the Fircrest Police Department to accept funding through the Stop Violence against Women Grant. Cheesman stated the grant money would allow the Police Department to train law enforcement officials to more

effectively identify and respond to violent crimes against women and that the grant would reimburse the City up to \$3,000. **Reynolds MOVED to adopt Resolution No. 1579, authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Fircrest and the Pierce County Sheriff's Department to accept funding through the Stop Violence Against Women Grant; seconded by Nixon.** George invited councilmember comment; Wittner commented on his appreciation of the opportunity. George invited public comment; none were provided. **The Motion Carried (6-0).**

#### **CITY MANAGER COMMENTS**

Pingel indicated the latest draft the capital campaign case statement was included in the agenda packet for Council review and requested councilmember comments when they meet with Linda Kaye Briggs. Pingel commented that he would be including more information about the latest updates on Click Network in the upcoming weekly update.

#### **DEPARTMENT HEAD COMMENTS**

None were provided.

#### **COUNCILMEMBER COMMENTS**

- Reynolds, Wittner, Waltier, Surina, and Nixon provided no comments.
- George thanked the audience for their participation and thanked everyone who participated in the community center and pool project.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 8:25 P.M., George reported that Council would take a four minute recess and convene into Executive Session, not to exceed the hour of 8:50 P.M. to discuss current or potential litigation per RCW 42.30.110(1)(i). George noted that Pingel and Smith would be joining the Executive Session.

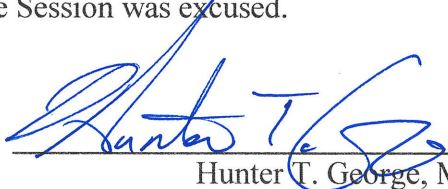
At 8:40 P.M. Reynolds departed.

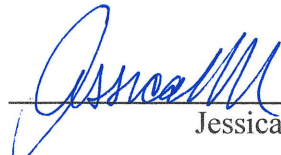
The Council reconvened into regular session at 8:47 P.M.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**Wittner MOVED to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 P.M., seconded by Waltier. The Motion Carried (5-0).**

George noted that Reynold's departure from the Executive Session was excused.

  
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Hunter T. George, Mayor

  
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Jessica Nappi, City Clerk